

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Tracy Watson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM at Town Hall Meeting Room.

ATTENDANCE: The following were present: Tracy Watson, Chairman; William F. Gordon, Clerk; Rosemary Smedile, Licensing Chairman; Donald Stewart, Daniel Lanen, James Purcell, Interim Town Manager.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

William Gordon made a MOTION, seconded by Donald Stewart, to move into Executive Session to discuss: Contract Negotiations with Non-Union Employee. Roll Call vote: William Gordon yes, Donald Stewart yes, Rosemary Smedile yes, Daniel Lanen yes, and Tracy Watson yes. Vote approved 5-0.

Chairman Tracy Watson declared that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Selectmen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

William Gordon made a MOTION, seconded by Rosemary Smedile, to approve the Open Session Minutes of October 3, 2011, as written. Vote approved 5-0.

COMMUNICATIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND PUBLIC COMMENT:

Selectman Smedile announced that there are many North Andover Restaurants participating in a special designated Restaurant Week October 16 – 20. Check the Town's website for a list of participating restaurants.

Selectman Smedile announced "The Adopt a Wreath" program is looking for donations of \$60 per wreath and checks made out to the "Holiday Decorating Committee" c/o Rosemary Smedile. There are also donations needed for American Flags at \$35 per flag.

School Committee chairman Chris Allen announced that North Andover is hosting the New England Scholastic Band Competition on October 15, 2011 at North Andover High School.

Selectman Watson announced the 1986 North Andover Wrestling Team will be inducted into the Massachusetts Hall of Fame on October 22, 2011.

LICENSING COMMISSIONERS:

Donald Stewart made a MOTION, seconded by Daniel Lanen, to move into Licensing. Vote approved 5-0.

Correction of spelling of "Shama Grill" to "Chama Grill"

Donald Stewart made a MOTION, seconded by Daniel Lanen, to approve the change the spelling to "Charma Grill". Vote approved 5-0.

Donald Stewart made a MOTION, seconded by William Gordon, to move out of Licensing. Vote approved 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Establish dates to open and close the warrant for Special Town Meeting

Town Clerk Joyce Bradshaw announced the warrant for the Special Town Meeting was opened when the Board voted for the Special Town Meeting at their meeting on September 26, 2011. The suggested date to close the warrant would be October 17, 2011 at close of business at 4:30 p.m.

Donald Stewart made a MOTION, seconded by Rosemary Smedile, to close the warrant on October 17, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. Vote approved 5-0.

Town Manager Search Committee Update

Town Manager Search Committee Chairman James Xenakis announced four names of finalists for the position of Town Manager. The Search Committee received 64 resumes and after weeks of work narrowed the field down to eight and interviewed them over the last week. "The committee asked all the appropriate questions and we're satisfied that the four candidates we put forward were the best qualified that we saw," Xenakis said.

They are recommending the following: Richard Brown, Federal Emergency Management Agency disaster assistance employee, former city manager in East Providence, R.I.; Andrew Maylor, Swampscott town administrator, Essex retirement system chair; Paul Shew, former city manager of Rye, N.Y.; and Thomas Younger, Belmont town administrator, former North Reading town administrator.

"You can't miss with any of these candidates," "I think they were clearly a cut above the applicants we received." "I think North Andover is the type of community that any manager would like to work for," said Xenakis, who told the board to move "professionally and expeditiously."

The Search Committee commended School Superintendent Christopher Hottel who also sat on the committee. He was very helpful in the process and his insight and input was impressive.

Selectmen thanked and applauded the search committee's work. "It's an impressive group of candidates," said board member Rosemary Smedile, agreeing with board chair Tracy Watson. "It's exciting."

Selectmen will discuss possible interview dates and will consider Fridays and Saturdays as potential dates within the next couple of weeks.

ADJOURNMENT:

Rosemary Smedile made a MOTION, seconded by William Gordon, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Vote approved 5-0.

Adele J. Johnson
Administrative Secretary

William Gordon, Clerk of the Board